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LINCOLN'S THOUGHTS ON YOUTH

HON. GLENN M. ANDERSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 1970

Mr. ANDERSON of California. Mr. Speaker, we must never lose sight of the capabilities and the potential creativity of our youth. The problems which today's parents face in raising their children are not a recent phenomenon. I believe that our youth of today are prepared and capable to cure many of the problems created by past and present generations.

Abraham Lincoln, whose 171st birthday we will celebrate Thursday, had a way of conveying ideas that are worthy of repetition and which pertain to present generations. Thoughts spoken by Lincoln over a century ago have particular relevance today in bridging our modern generation gap and in helping to remind us that our children are the hope for the future:

A child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit where you are sitting, and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends on him. He will assume control of your cities, states, and nations. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities, and corporations. All your books are going to be judged, praised, or condemned by him. The fate of humanity is in his hands.

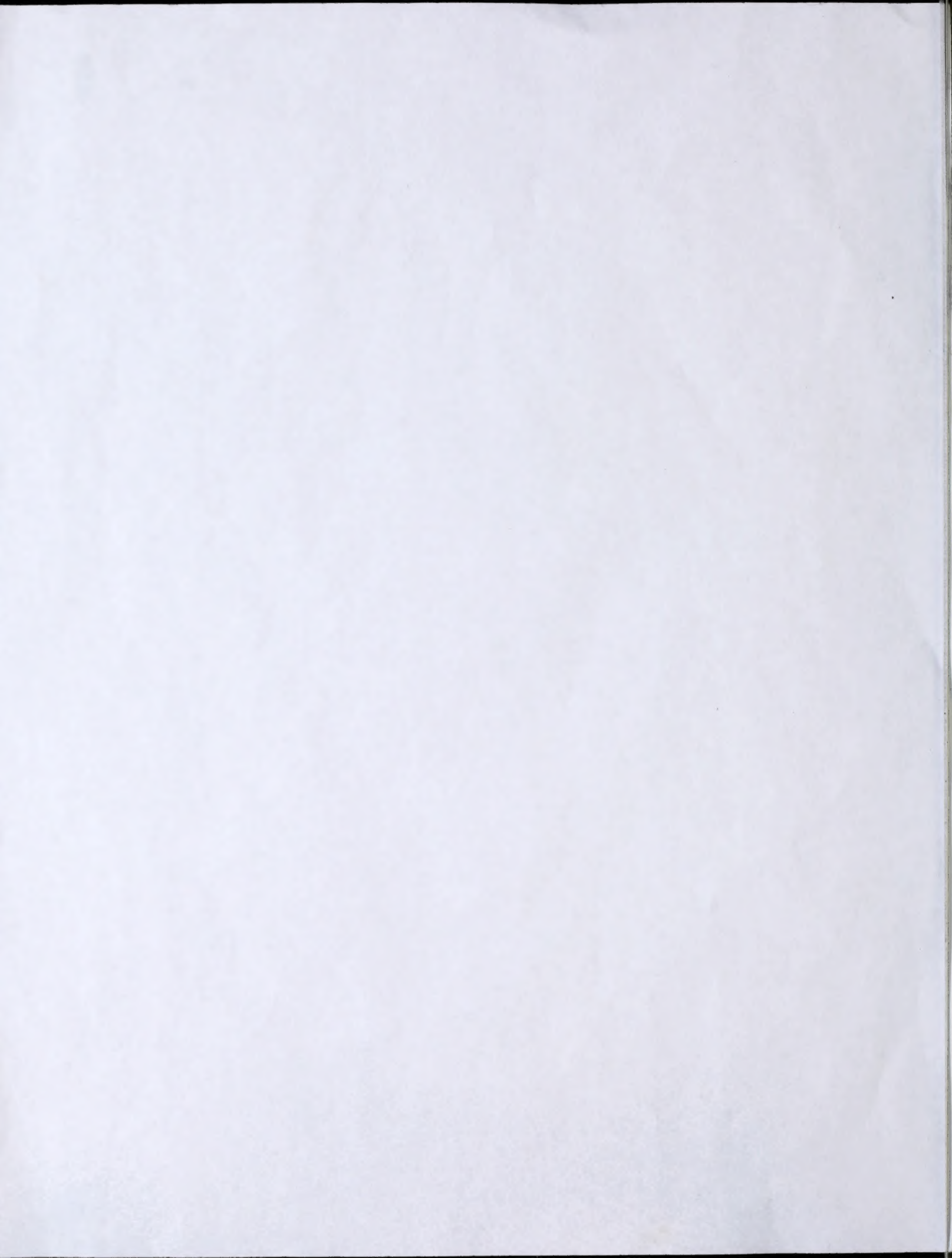
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